

Lewis Bloom
2012 Inductee
Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers Hall of Fame

Lewie began growing dahlias in 1966 in his home garden in Olympia. Four years later he retired and dahlias became his whole life, so to speak. A friend invited him to attend a meeting in Tacoma and he eventually became the President of the WSDS. Later he co-founded the Evergreen Dahlia Society in the Olympia area.

Lewie was well known for his new ideas. He became the Innovation Chairman and he was instrumental in creating the Federation *Dahlia Annual*. He was also very involved with the formation of the Federation and was a founding member.

Lewie exhibited dahlias until he could no longer attend shows. Many years he attended 10 shows in one season. Lewie always wanted to show others how very easy dahlias are to grow. He maintained that if you could grow potatoes you could easily grow dahlias. He even wrote a manual on how to grow and show dahlias.

Over the years Lewie began to take seed and introduced many cultivars. His last variety was introduced in 2001 and was called Bloom's Last Harrah.

We believe that Lewis G. Bloom is an outstanding nominee for the Hall of Fame and that this list would simply not be complete without his name.

Washington State Dahlia Society is proud to nominate Lewie Bloom for the Federation Hall of Fame.